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Sir:

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It is respectfully requested that the listed documents:

- (1) be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application;
- (2) be made of record therein; and
- (3) appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

The following marked paragraphs are applicable in this IDS.

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Timing of this IDS:

- ☒ A. This IDS is being filed per 37 CFR 1.97(b)
- ☐ (1): within 3 months of the U.S. filing date other than a CPA under 1.53(d);
- ☐ (2): within 3 months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 1.491 in an international application;
- ☐ (3): before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits; **OR**
- ☒ (4): before the mailing date of a first Office Action associated with a request for continued examination (RCE) under 1.114;

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- ☐ B. This IDS is being filed per 37 CFR 1.97(c), **AFTER** the period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(b) [section A of this IDS], and **BEFORE**:
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- ☐ (3) payment of the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p) to ensure consideration of the disclosed information.
- ☐ C. This IDS is being filed per 37 CFR 1.97(d), AFTER the period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(c) [section B of this IDS], and ON or BEFORE the payment of the Issue Fee;

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Legible Copies of Listed References:

- ☐ D. In addition to the attached listing, accompanying this IDS is a legible copy of each listed:
- (1) foreign patent document;
 - (2) pending unpublished U.S. application OR that portion of the application that caused it to be listed including any claims directed to that portion; AND
 - (3) non-patent document or that portion thereof that caused it to be listed;
 - (4) other information or that portion that caused it to be listed.
- ☐ E. Consistent with 37 CFR 1.98(d), because the IDS submitted in parent U.S. Patent Application No. _____, to which this application claims priority per 35 U.S.C. 120,

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complies with 37 CFR 1.98(a) to (c), copies of the patent documents, non-patent documents, pending U.S. application, and other information submitted in that parent application do not accompany this IDS.

Related U.S. Application(s):

- ☐ K. The Examiner's attention is directed to U.S. Patent Application No. _____, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of this U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the documents cited therein during examination of the present application.
- ☐ L. This application is one of a series of related applications, namely, U.S. Patent Application Nos. _____, which are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of those U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the documents cited therein during the examination.
- ☒ M. The listed document(s) was/were cited by or submitted to the Office in parent application No. 10/361,274, filed 10 February 2003, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 CFR 1.98(d).
- ☐ N. Other:

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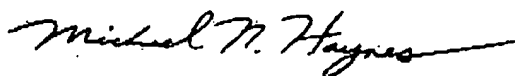
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CONCLUSION

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-2504. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 434-972-9988 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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